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FOR AMB. YOUNG FROM UNA

FOLLOWING REPEAT LIBREVILLE 1692 SENT ACTION SECSTATE JUN 21.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1692

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, GB, US

SUBJ: BONGO REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 156864, LIBREVILLE 1666

1. I MET AGAIN WITH MAMBOUKA MORNING JUNE 21. HE IS LEAVING
LIBREVILLE MORNING JUNE 22 AND EXPECTS BE IN WASHINGTON EVENING
JUNE 23. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION, HE SAID HE WOULD BE CALLING
AT DEPT SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO RAISE MATTER OF VISIT (HE
OBVIOUSLY FEELS HE UNDER BONGO'S INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO). SINCE
I CONTINUE TO THINK IT PREFERABLE THAT HE BE INVOLVED, I DID
NOT RPT NOT CONVEY TO HIM RESPONSE CONTAINED STATE REFTEL.
I DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT I HAD "PRELIMINARY" INDI-
CATION FROM DEPARTMENT THAT VISIT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT
BECAUSE OF SHORTNESS OF TIME AND PRESIDENT'S CROWDED SCHEDULE.
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HE AGAIN NODDED COMPREHENSION, AND IF HE PASSES THAT WORD
AROUND HERE BEFORE HE LEAVES, IT MAY BE HELPFUL LATER.

2. BONGO IN ANY CASE REMAINS IN FRANCEVILLE AND DATE OF
HIS RETURN TO LIBREVILLE IS STILL UNCERTAIN.
(MAMBOUKA HAS NOT SEEN HIM AGAIN) UNLESS DEPARTMENT PRECEIVES
PROBLEM, I WOULD HOPE THAT SCENARIO NOW MIGHT PROCEED AS

FOLLOWS:

A. LET MAMBOUKA MAKE HIS PITCH, BUT STALL HIM FOR
TIME BEING.
B. INFORM ME SOONEST WHEN MAMBOUKA CALLS AND NATURE
OF DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE. I WILL THEN REQUEST MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT TO CONVEY STATE REFTEL TO HIM. LETTING DEPT
KNOW WHEN MEETING IS ARRANGED. DEPT COULD THEN CALL
IN MAMBOUKA AT ROUGHLY SAME TIME AND GIVE HIM SAME MESSAGE.
C. SHOULD BONGO CALL ME IN MEANTIME, I WILL GO
AHEAD AND RESPOND PER STATE REFTEL, REGARDLESS OF FOREGOING.TIENKEN
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